



# Wellington transport

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEMS IN WELLINGTON



Wellington is a great city to explore and get to know using public transport. You can easily get around the inner city and suburbs on buses, and you can travel to other parts of the Wellington region on trains and harbour ferries.

### ► BUS

Most of the buses that run through the city and suburbs are the yellow GO Wellington buses. Other buses that travel through the city are the orange Airport Flyer, which runs every 15 minutes between Wellington Airport and the Hutt Valley; the green Mana/Newlands buses which run between Wellington's northern suburbs and Courtenay Place; and the purple Valley Flyer buses which run between the Hutt Valley and Courtenay Place.

You can travel on GO Wellington buses, the Airport Flyer and Valley Flyer buses, using a pre-paid Snapper card. The card costs \$10 and you can put as much as \$300 on it at any one time. For more information visit [snapper.co.nz](http://snapper.co.nz)

If you don't have a Snapper card, you must pay cash to the bus driver, or you can buy a 30-day pass. Snapper cards and passes are sold at various outlets around Wellington. For further information see:

- **Go Wellington** – phone 387 8700 or visit [gowellingtonbus.co.nz](http://gowellingtonbus.co.nz)
- **Valley Flyer** – phone 569 2933 or visit [valleyflyer.co.nz](http://valleyflyer.co.nz)
- **Transit Coachlines** – phone 387 2018 or visit [tranzit.co.nz](http://tranzit.co.nz)

For information about fares, tickets and timetables, visit [metlink.org.nz](http://metlink.org.nz), phone 0800 801 700 or pick up timetables from shops around the city. A tickets and fares brochure is also available from all Metlink retailers.

### ► RAIL

Trains travel to Wellington Railway Station on four main lines – Johnsonville, Paraparaumu, the rest of the North Island, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa. You can buy single tickets on the train or from some stations. You can buy monthly or quarterly train passes online at [tranzmetro.co.nz](http://tranzmetro.co.nz). For more information visit the website or phone 0800 801 700.

### ► AIR

Wellington airport is located in Rongotai and has domestic and international flights. The main airlines are:

- **Air New Zealand** – phone 0800 737 000 for reservations and 388 9900 for arrivals and departures or visit [airnz.co.nz](http://airnz.co.nz)
- **Qantas** – phone 0800 808 767 for reservations and 388 9900 for arrivals and departures or visit [qantas.co.nz](http://qantas.co.nz)
- **Pacific Blue** – phone 0800 670 000 or visit [pacificblue.co.nz](http://pacificblue.co.nz)
- **Jetstar** – phone 0800 800 995 or visit [jetstar.com](http://jetstar.com)

As well as the Airport Flyer buses you can catch shuttle buses and taxis to and from the airport. The fares vary depending on your destination. To find out more about shuttle buses and taxis visit [wellingtonairport.co.nz](http://wellingtonairport.co.nz) or phone 385 5100.

### ► PLANNING YOUR TRIP

You can plan your public transport journey online at [metlink.org.nz](http://metlink.org.nz) or with Google Transit, [maps.google.co.nz](http://maps.google.co.nz). Simply type in where you're leaving from and where you want to go, and you'll find out how you can travel, and how long it will take, on the bus or the train.

## DRIVING IN NEW ZEALAND

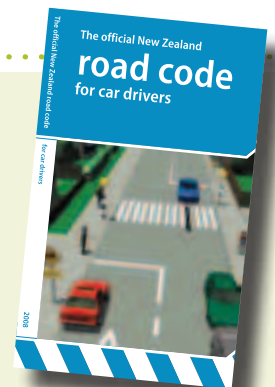
To drive in New Zealand, you must be at least 16 years old and have a valid drivers licence. If you have a valid and current overseas driving licence or international driving permit, you can drive using this permit for a maximum of 12 months from the date of your arrival in New Zealand. However, if your licence is not in English, you must carry an accurate translation. If you will be in New Zealand for more than a year, you need to gain a New Zealand drivers licence. If your overseas driving licence is still current or expired less than 12 months ago you can apply to convert it to a New Zealand licence. Depending on the country you come from, you may have to pass theory and practical tests.

If you do not have an overseas driving licence, you must apply for a New Zealand licence in three stages: **1 learner licence**, **2 restricted licence**, **3 full licence**

### ► NEW ZEALAND DRIVING LICENCE AGENTS

To get or convert your drivers licence you need to apply in person at a New Zealand Transport Agency driver licensing agent. These are:

- **Automobile Association**, phone 0800 500 444 or visit [aa.co.nz](http://aa.co.nz)
- **Vehicle Testing New Zealand**, phone 0800 888 869 or visit [vtnz.co.nz](http://vtnz.co.nz)
- **Vehicle Inspection New Zealand**, phone 0800 468 469 or visit [vinz.co.nz](http://vinz.co.nz)





## ► TIPS FOR DRIVING IN NEW ZEALAND

- drive on the **LEFT** side of the road
- give way at intersections
- **never** drink alcohol and drive
- wear a seatbelt
- keep to speed limits.

## ► NEW ZEALAND ROAD CODE

New Zealand road rules may be different to those in your home country. If you do not follow them, the Police may penalise you. So read the New Zealand road code to help you drive safely.

## BUYING A CAR, MOTORBIKE OR SCOOTER

### ► THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Vehicles **MUST** have:

- a **warrant of fitness (WoF)**
- **registration**
- **licence**

To learn more about these requirements, visit the 'your vehicles' section at [nzta.govt.nz](http://nzta.govt.nz) or phone 0800 108 809.

In Wellington, you can buy a vehicle from:

- a registered motor vehicle trader
- an auction
- a private dealer

The safest way to buy a car is from a trader who is registered with the Motor Vehicle Trader Register. To check if the traders are registered or banned, visit [motortraders.med.govt.nz](http://motortraders.med.govt.nz) or phone 0508 668 678.

When considering insuring your vehicle, it is worth asking insurance companies some of the following questions:

- What will the premium be for the type of insurance I want?
- How can I pay my premium? Monthly, yearly?  
Will paying monthly cost more than paying once a year?
- What excess will I pay?
- When won't the insurance company pay out on a claim?
- Who will be covered for vehicle insurance (just the owner or all the drivers?)

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs and New Zealand Transport Agency also provide information and advice about buying a vehicle.

- **Ministry of Consumer Affairs** – phone 474 2750 or visit [consumeraffairs.govt.nz](http://consumeraffairs.govt.nz)
- **New Zealand Transport Agency** – phone 0800 108 809 or visit [nzta.govt.nz](http://nzta.govt.nz)

## OTHER FORMS OF TRANSPORT

### ► WALKING AND CYCLING

Wellington is easy to get around because of its size. For information about walkways and cycling in Wellington visit [Wellington.govt.nz](http://Wellington.govt.nz) or phone 499 444 or plan your cycling and walking trip online at [journeyplanner.org.nz](http://journeyplanner.org.nz)

### ► WELLINGTON TAXI COMPANIES

All taxis in New Zealand must belong to a taxi company. They run 24 hours a day and the fare depends on the distance travelled and the time the journey takes. Different companies have different rates. For a list of taxis in Wellington visit [yellowpages.co.nz](http://yellowpages.co.nz)



### ► FERRY SERVICES

The East-by-West harbour ferry runs seven days a week from Queens Wharf to Seatoun, Petone, Days Bay and Soames Island. Contact Metlink (see details on the other page) for timetable information. You can pay for a single ticket on the ferry, or buy a 10-trip and monthly pass from the ferry offices at Queens Wharf.

The Bluebridge and Interislander ferries provide a daily service between Wellington and Picton in the South Island.

- **East by West** – phone 499 1282 or visit [eastbywest.co.nz](http://eastbywest.co.nz)
- **Bluebridge** – phone 0800 844 844 or visit [bluebridge.co.nz](http://bluebridge.co.nz)
- **The Interislander** – phone 0800 802 802 or visit [interislander.co.nz](http://interislander.co.nz)

### ► CABLE CAR

The unique and famous Wellington Cable Car takes you from Lambton Quay up to Victoria University, and the top of the Botanic Garden at Kelburn. For more information, visit [wellingtoncablecar.co.nz](http://wellingtoncablecar.co.nz) or phone 472 2199.

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